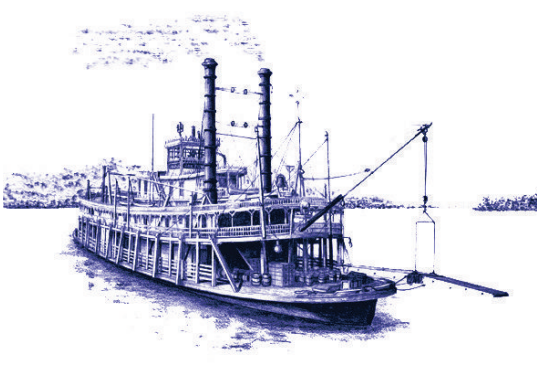




THE MADISON COURIER

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Commissioners OK agreement with Hanover on building inspector

BY BOB DEMAREE

An interlocal agreement between Jefferson County and the town of Hanover will now allow the county to provide building inspections in the town following approval by the County Commissioners at their meeting Thursday.

The agreement has been in the works for some time with Hanover in need of a person to perform building inspections, particularly with several new homes being built in the community such as the new Three Bends subdivision on 16.31 acres at 151 Kuntz Road in Hanover.

County Building Inspector Josh Cline said he was motivated further when he learned that assessments have been missed because the town hasn't had anyone in that role.

"That's how it was brought

before me in the first place; that the Assessor's office said they really needed somebody to start turning stuff in so they can do assessments. We're really missing out on a lot of money" from assessments that have not been done, said Cline, noting the interlocal agreement not only help Hanover but also benefit Jefferson County. "I think it's going to be a good thing for the county. It's going to be a little extra workload" but he thinks he can handle it. There are unknowns because it hasn't been done before. "We'll just have to see as time goes" if anything will need to be changed in the agreement in the future. "This is a good place to start, and we'll go from there."

In other business:

- County Auditor Heather Huff said the county's 2026 budget totaling \$29,718,559 has been

approved by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF).

- Commissioners President Ron Lee said the newer portion of the old jail has received state approval for use as a juvenile detention facility to house a maximum of eight males and eight females, and now a contract needs to be finalized for an operator to manage the facility.

"The new part of the old jail is set up well for something like that," Lee said, providing an opportunity to convert the facility "into something useful" now that the county jail has been relocated to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center on Madison's hilltop.

- Held a hearing on a Telegraph Hill-Rykers Ridge Sewer District application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) wastewater grant

from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) that Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (SIRPC) plans to submit application for next month.

Patty Jackson, a SIRPC staff member, conducted the public hearing in which \$750,000 in CDBG grant funding will be sought for the project that is anticipated to have an overall cost of \$2,747,500.

- Dustin Bentz, chief executive officer of the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County, made a request for county opioid settlement funds to support the hiring of a program director at a \$45,000 annual salary with an additional \$3,000 annually for administrative and program costs, and \$2,000 annually for outreach and engagement — a total of

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JCBT Applauds 'Unbroken Circle'

BY BOB DEMAREE

The success of the inaugural Unbroken Circle Music Festival was applauded at last week's Jefferson County Board of Tourism meeting with organizer Brent Turner reporting the event brought almost 16,000 people to Bicentennial Park over the course of three days with visitors from 43 states.

JCBT had awarded the inaugural festival \$30,000 last spring that was used for marketing the event. "We were very thankful for your money," said co-organizer Drew Eades. "It went a long way for us. Without that, it would not have been as successful as it was," especially the unknown factor in being the event's first year in trying to get the word out about the event that brought 20 bands over three days to Bicentennial Park.

JCBT board member Josh Abbott, who is also sales coordinator for Eagle Cotton Mill Fairfield Inn and Suites, told Eades and Turner the county's return on investment (ROI) "on the dollars we gave you was out the roof" with all the hotel rooms and other lodging that were booked that week — all that contributes to the county's innkeeper's tax that generates JCBT's grant funding.

Dates have been set for the 2026 Unbroken Circle Music Festival, Sept. 10-12 in Bicentennial Park.

Eades said continued support from JCBT will be important to Unbroken Circle's continued success. "For us to continue to grow, it is going to take things like that happening to maintain the growth of a \$1 million event," said Eades, who promised more investment in the festival for 2026. "I think we're going to increase the budget next year to make it even bigger," he said.

"We're not afraid to stretch the needle a little when it comes to bands, and in trying to create better experiences," said Eades, suggesting possibly moving the stage in Bicentennial Park, and reconfiguring the festival area to improve the experience.

"Everything we did was OK this year but we're our biggest critics," said Turner, adding they are constantly thinking of what can be done to make the festival better.

JCBT President Trevor Crafton commended Turner and Eades. "Great job as

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43rd Christmas Tour of Homes next 2 weekends

BY BOB DEMAREE

The holiday tradition of the Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes is back for the next two weekends with six private homes and five historic sites featured.

"I'm especially excited for this year's tour," said Terri Suiter, now in her third year as coordinator of the 43rd annual event. "It's a beautiful mix of private homes and public historic sites, festive touches, and fresh experiences like the Holly Jolly Trolley. Each year, the Nights Before Christmas Tour brings together homeowners, volunteers, and visitors in the spirit of the season. It's been an honor to help showcase the heart of Madison during the holidays, and I'm so proud of how this event continues to grow while staying true to its charm."

The tour begins this weekend on Friday and Saturday and continues next weekend Friday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 6. Tours run 5-9 p.m. on both Fridays and 3-9 p.m. on both Saturdays.

Private homes include the Doolittle Home at 428 Jefferson Street, the Armstrong home at 1047 West Main Street, the Kelley home at 209 Presbyterian Avenue, the Malloy home at 816 West Second Street, the Dorsey home at 613 West Main Street and the Rodgers home at 804 East First Street.

Historic sites include Madison Railroad Station, Lanier Mansion State Historic Site, Masonic Schofield House, and Dr. Hutchings' Office & Museum.

This year's historic church is the African Methodist Episcopal Church, owned by Historic Madison Inc., but now also serving as the home of the Madison Reformed Church. The A.M.E. Church at 309 East Fifth Street was built by free Blacks in 1845.



Bob Demaree

Judy Staicer decorates the tree at the Dr. William Hutchings' Office and Museum in preparation for the 2025 Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes this weekend and next weekend.



Bob Demaree

Charlotte Gibson decorates for the season at the Dr. William Hutchings' Office and Museum that will be one of the sites on the 2025 Night Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes the next two weekends.

The Dorsey home at 613 West Main Street was built circa 1868-1870 with a brick Italianate design. The home was featured in the

October 1988 edition of Colonial Homes magazine.

The Armstrong home is a shotgun home built in circa 1875,

located on the west end of Madison that was incorporated as a village in 1888 before being annexed into the city of Madison in 1895. The shotgun style gets its name because the original design was typically a long, narrow, single-story house with rooms that lined up in a straight row from front to back without hallways, allowing for a direct path from the front to the back door.

The Doolittle home is a two-story brick home that reflects the Federal Italianate style that was built in 1860 by Rolla Doolittle, founder of The Madison Courier in 1837 who was appointed Madison postmaster in 1845. The house boasts original clay corbels, a rare feature among Madison homes.

The Kelley two-bedroom home

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Thanksgiving Closings

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The city Madison, town of Hanover and Jefferson County government offices will all be closed Thursday and Friday of this week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Brown Gym and the city of Madison street department and transfer station will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday with trash and recycle delayed one day. Compost will not run Friday. The transfer station will be open Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

United States Postal Service offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day with no mail delivery.

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle branches will be closed Thursday through Saturday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday Branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours Monday, Dec. 1.

The city of Madison's Light Up Merry Madison event will be at 6 p.m. Friday at the Broadway Fountain. The event officially heralds the start of the holiday season in Madison.



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Central Indiana man arrested after illegal dumping in Jefferson County

BY THE COURIER STAFF

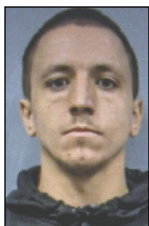
A 29-year-old Carmel, Indiana, man has been arrested following an investigation into a large load of construction debris being illegally dumped on property in the 3000 block of West Clifty Drive in Madison.

Samuel Jason Hedrick, 29, Carmel, was arrested last week in Fishers, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant, and later transported to the Jefferson County Jail where he is being held on Criminal Trespass-Two Counts and

Criminal Mischief-Two Counts, all Level 6 felonies; and Criminal Trespass and Criminal Mischief, both Class A misdemeanors.

An investigation was initiated Nov. 6 when County Sheriff Ben Flint was contacted by a landowner reporting that construction debris was being dumped on his property.

Hedrick was later found to be attempting to dump an additional load of debris a the site. When an employee of the



Samuel Jason Hedrick

landowner made contact with Hedrick, he allegedly stated that he believed he was permitted to dump at the location because it was a landfill. He was immediately advised that the property was not a landfill and that he needed to leave the premises.

Hedrick allegedly became verbally combative before fleeing the scene in his vehicle while towing a trailer loaded with construction debris.

Through the course of the investigation, Flint determined that Hedrick operated a business in Fishers known as “Gone Today Hauling LLC” and had been subcontracted by ADEP Trucking, also based in central Indiana, to haul debris from a demolition project in Hanover. However, investigators later learned that none of the construction debris associated with that project had been legally disposed of within Jefferson County.

Police determined that a total of four illegal dump sites were identified throughout

Jefferson County, with an estimated combined weight of more than 8,000 pounds of construction waste discarded irresponsibly across the community. Several dump sites were located in active agricultural fields, causing damage to crops and requiring extensive cleanup efforts by local farmers.

Hedrick is being held on a cash-only bond of \$10,000 as the felony charges and bond conditions reflect the seriousness of the offenses and the significant impact the illegal dumping had on local

landowners and agricultural operations.

According to a statement issued by the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, the office remains committed to full transparency and ensuring that all incidents of illegal dumping, property damage, and environmental negligence are thoroughly investigated and appropriately prosecuted. All affected land owners have been contacted and advised on the situation.

Corp. Nathan Green and Sgt. Patrick Finnegan assisted in the investigation.

North Vernon man faces attempted murder charge after crash

BY THE COURIER STAFF

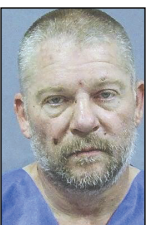
A North Vernon man was arrested Friday for attempted murder, stemming from a crash at that occurred on U.S. 421 near its intersection with Michigan Road in Jefferson County, just north of Madison.

Larry Wayne Webster II, 42, North Vernon, has been charged with attempted murder, a Level 1 felony,

Troopers from the ISP-Versailles Post, along with Deputies from the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and Ripley County Sheriff’s Office, originally responded to the crash on US 421 where the

driver of a blue 1991 Chevrolet truck left the crash scene in the vehicle.

The crash investigation indicated that the driver of the truck, later identified as Webster, rear ended a second vehicle while traveling northbound on US 421. After the other driver exited his vehicle, Webster allegedly intentionally struck the vehicle a second time and also struck the other driver, who was standing next to the vehicle. Webster then left the scene in the vehicle. The



Larry Wayne Webster II

driver of the second vehicle was injured and transported to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Responding officers soon located Webster’s vehicle abandoned on Old Michigan Road in southern Ripley County. Webster was located walking nearby. While taking Webster into custody, an altercation took place, causing an Indiana State Trooper to sustain injuries. The injured trooper was treated and released from a nearby hospital.

Following his arrest, Webster was transported to Norton King’s Daughters’ Health in Madison before being transferred to a second hospital for additional evaluation and treatment. He was later released from the hospital and incarcerated in the Jefferson County Jail.

After a review of the investigation by the Jefferson County Prosecutor’s Office, a charge of Attempted Murder, a Level 1 felony, was officially filed in Jefferson County Circuit Court on Friday. Webster will soon face an initial appearance in court.

Hanover police to participate in Safe Family Travel campaign

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

As Hoosiers prepare for holiday celebrations, Hanover Police Department is partnering with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to keep roads safe and prevent traffic fatalities as part of the annual Safe Family Travel campaign, supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

From Nov. 26 through December, the campaign focuses on impaired driving, aggressive driving, and seat belt violations. During this time, officers will work overtime conducting sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols to deter unsafe driving and encourage seat belt use with grant funding to promote highway safety.

“We see the consequences of unsafe driving every day,” said Douglas Huntsinger, executive director of the

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. “By buckling up, slowing down, and never driving impaired, we can all help make Indiana’s roads safer this season.”

According to NHTSA, alcohol-impaired driving remains one of the leading causes of fatal crashes, especially during the holiday season. Likewise, failure to wear a seat belt continues to be one of the most preventable causes of death on the road.

“Driving safely is a shared responsibility,” said Hanover Police Chief Shane Caldwell. “If you plan to drink, plan a safe ride home. Stay sober behind the wheel or arrange a sober ride before the night begins.”

Motorists are encouraged to call 911 to report unsafe or impaired drivers. For more safety tips, visit www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings
Nov. 21, 2025

Samuel Jason Hedrick, 29, Carmel, Indiana, on Jefferson County Bench Warrants. Bond \$10,000 cash.

Nov. 22, 2025

Aleiah J. Ragsdale, 23, Vevay, Indiana, for Battery-Domestic, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Drew Curtis Ray Wilson, 27, Lexington, Indiana, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings
Nov. 19, 2025

Carlee Trista Taylor, 52, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 4 years at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 115 days jail served, consecutive to balance of 1 year jail, concurrent, for separate Clark County conviction (felony possession of methamphetamine and possession of syringe and misde-

meanor possession of paraphernalia and possession of marijuana) plus \$589.00 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS Jefferson County
Nov. 20, 2025

Cassandra Revelle to Cassandra Revelle Living Trust, 2528 North 300 East, Madison.

Michael H. Halas Jr. and Sally Ann Halas to Doung Nguyen and Mozahid Haque, 16 acres at 11843 West State Road 56, Lexington.

Connie R. Carpenter and Brenda Carpenter to Revocable Trust of Connie R. Carpenter and Brenda M. Carpenter, 2452 Branch Street, Madison.

Gregory Scott Case to Keith A. Thomas, 13830 West Henry Road, Deputy.

Marsha L. Watson and Marsha L. Watson Living Revocable Trust to Paul Wagner and Joan Wagner, 105 West Marion Street, Madison.

Karen Shelley to Zachary T. Liter, 10952 West State Road 256, Lexington.

Kenneth GW Mackinlay and Carlina C. Mackinlay to John D. Harris and Dee A. Harris, 620 West Main Street, Madison.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:33 a.m.
Sunset: 5:23 p.m.
Temperature: High 56, Low 33, Mean 44.5, Deficit 4.6
Precipitation since last published: .31
Precipitation, November 2025: 1.95
Precipitation, 2025: 52.81

Barometer 30.11, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 424.01 feet, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Partly cloudy High 46/Low 27; Thursday: Mostly sunny High 36/Low 21; Friday: Sunny High 35/Low 23; Saturday: Showers High 36/Low 31.

LOTTERIES

INDIANA
Hoosier lotto: 20-27-33-34-35-42 (11-22), Estimated Jackpot: \$6.5 million. Next Drawing (11/26)
Cash Five: 1-5-29-33-37 (11/23)
Cash 4 Life: 5-7-49-54-60 CB: 4 (11/23)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 2-5-13-33 CB: 6 (11/23)
Lucky For Life: 3-4-13-28-41 LB: 9 (11/23)

Megamillions: 3-4-19-31-63 MB: 9 (11/21). Next Jackpot: \$70 million. Next Drawing (11/25)
Powerball: 28-32-36-51-69 PB: 2, PP 2 (11/22). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$654 million. Next Drawing (11/24)
Powerball Double Play: 5-6-24-44-58 PB: 12 (11/22). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (11/24)

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\$250,000 over five years.

“The opioid crisis has left deep scars in Jefferson County, particularly among youth who are vulnerable to the effects of substance abuse in their families and communities,”

said Bentz. “By supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County with the funding necessary to hire a program director, we can provide critical, trauma-informed services to over 150 young people, creating a safe and supportive environment that fosters resilience, recovery and future success.”

- Held the highway

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entrepreneurs taking a risk, and pushing the envelope because that’s how you move things.”

Reports were also given by Kindred Folk Society which received a \$7,000 JCBT grant and Historic Eleutherian College that was awarded \$4,000.

Kindred Folk Society utilized most of its funds for Play Music on a Porch Day, held the last Saturday in August, which Jane Vonderheide said attendance was up for the second annual event, citing VMI statistics that showed Friday night hotel stays at 93%, up from 65% on the Friday night prior to last year’s event. “It was much bigger in general,” she said, noting this year’s

event had more porches — 16 this year, up from 10 in 2024.

Historic Eleutherian College utilized its funding for the four-session series Ohio Valley Folkways Symposium that Jan Vethrus, president of the Eleutherian College, said was used to pay for 25 performers during the event series.

Innkeeper’s tax collections were announced by Commissioner David Bramer, who is also the JCBT treasurer, reporting the October total was \$91,657.27. That brings the total innkeeper’s tax collections for 2025 to \$843,412.76, more than last year’s record-breaking total of \$771,384.92. The increase is helped by an increase in the innkeeper’s tax that was 5% last year, and increased to 8% on Jan. 1, 2025.

annual contract with Vialytics for the county highway department’s road network software.

- Approved a maintenance contract with Kone Maintenance for the elevator in the old jail that is needing a monitoring device. Cost is \$50 per month for a wireless monitoring device, requiring an initial \$100 payment.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS
Nov. 25

Walter Fields
Jane Ashley Pace
Nov. 26

Jeremy Hafer

Bill Johnson
Travis Stevens
Nov. 27

Steve Bright
Jennifer Scott
Nov. 28

Phil Mullins
Nov. 29

Connie Sachleben
Mike Sims
Nov. 30

James Edwards

ANNIVERSARIES

None

TOUR

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displays the columns and symmetry found in Federal cottage style buildings of the 1950s when he is believed to have been built.

The Malloy home was built circa 1870, fashioned in the Federal Italianate style, and exhibits symmetrical facades with a gabled roof, wide cornices, and decorative brackets and dentils.

The Rodgers home was originally built in the shotgun style in the late 1860s with additions added later.

Hospitality sites, where refreshments and restrooms will be available, are Olde Tyme Marketplace, 801 West Main Street; Lumber Mill Antique Mall, 721 West First Street; Growing Minds Farm Stop, 602 West Main Street; and the Main Street Comfort Station, 221 West Main Street.

This year, the choir from Harrison County High School in Kentucky will be performing on one night of the tour with Santa Claus visiting outside of tour sights. “We’re excited about the ways we’re adding to the tour that’s enchanting the experience,” said Suiter.

Tickets are available at www.NightsbeforeChristmas.com at \$35 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 5-12). Online orders incur a handling fee per ticket. All tickets are “Will Call” at the Visitor Center, 601 West First Street.

This year, visitors can utilize the Holly Jolly Trolley! with a \$10 add-on when purchased

with their home tour ticket (while supplies last). The Holly Jolly Trolley will operate continuous loops during tour weekends, with pick-ups and drop-offs near all tour stops. Seating is limited, and wristbands are required. Walk-up tickets will be available (if not sold out) for \$15.

Events associated with the tour include the Great Cookie Caper in which cookies are sold at the Visitor Center, this year benefitting Lifetime Resources, both Fridays from 4-7 p.m. and both Saturdays from 1-7 p.m.

The Nights Before Christmas Home Tour is done in partnership with Visit Madison Inc. along with the Jefferson County Historical Society, Historic Madison Inc., Lanier Mansion and the Masonic Schofield House. Proceeds from the tour go to each of those Madison’s historic sites, along with a portion to VMI towards operational costs for the event.

Madonna Wilson is assisting Suiter in organizing this year’s tour. “It’s truly an honor to help carry on a tradition that has brought so much joy to Madison for more than 40 years,” said Wilson. “Marci Jones built this tour into a beloved holiday experience, and Terri Suiter has done a wonderful job continuing that legacy over the past two years. I’m excited to step into this role and help usher in the next chapter. The Nights Before Christmas Tour captures the heart and history of our community in such a magical way, and I can’t wait to share that with guests this season.”

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OBITUARIES

Sandra Kay Hoffman Parker

With a heavy heart we are sorry to announce that Sandra Kay Hoffman Parker, a devoted wife, mother, sister, and aunt, went home to our Lord on Feb. 19, 2025, at the age of 67. Kay was surrounded by her family in her home in Coral Springs, FL.

Kay was born on Sept. 12, 1957, in Madison, IN. She was the daughter of Jane and John H Hoffman, and is survived by her husband Paul Parker, sons Lee Parker and Jason Hobbs, brothers John Hoffman and Paul Hoffman, sister Lisa Hoffman Ritchie and many nieces



and nephews. Kay always put her family first, loved her family, and friends deeply, and enjoyed spending time with her loved ones.

Kay and Paul enjoyed

time at the beach, visiting many locations where they could enjoy the ocean. Kay always emphasized health, and wellness, and enjoyed exercising regularly. Kay also enjoyed a successful sales career and loved her clients and colleagues.

A private family Mass was held for Kay at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Charlotte, NC. Donations may be made in Kay's name to the American Lung Association or to A Living Tribute, where the organization will plant a tree in memory of Kay.

Jacob Henry 'Hank' Bentz

Jacob Henry 'Hank' Bentz, age 83, of Madison, IN, entered eternal rest on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, at 7:03 a.m., at the Norton Hosparus Inpatient Unit in Louisville, KY. A lifelong Madison resident and a man whose legacy was built on service, kindness, and deep community roots, Hank will be remembered as a leader, mentor, and friend, to many. Hank was born on June 27, 1942, in Madison, IN, the loving son of the late Henry Dewitt and Hazel Maddox Bentz. He grew up in the community that would come to define his life's work and devotion. A proud graduate of Madison Consolidated High School in 1961, he excelled not only academically but also athletically, serving as a starting guard on the undefeated 1959-60 Madison Cubs basketball team—a team still fondly remembered. On Sept. 1, 1962, Hank married the love of his life, Gwendolyn Annette Liter, at the North Madison Christian Church. Together they shared 63 years of marriage, raising two children, Brad and Nicole, and building a home filled with laughter, faith, and unwavering support. Following high school, Hank attended the University of Dubuque in Iowa, where he continued both his education and his love for basketball as a member of the Spartans. His professional journey began at the Madison Courier, where he worked as a darkroom technician, reporter/photographer, and novice Sports Editor. His gift for storytelling and community connection through words continued throughout his lifetime. While living in Dubuque, Hank served as the Charter Director of News and Sports Information at the university before returning to Madison, in 1967. He went on to serve as News and Sports Director for WORX Radio until 1975, becoming a familiar voice across the community. Hank's desire to serve extended beyond journalism and communications. In Jan. 1976, he joined the administration of Mayor Dr. Warren Rucker as Director of Special Projects and Assistant to the Mayor, serving until 1983. Beginning in 1984, he transitioned to Ivy Tech Community College where he served first as Director of Human Resources for 20 years and then as Execu-



tive Director of Marketing, and Communications, for an additional nine years before retiring in March 2014. Driven by civic responsibility, Hank became the youngest Madison City Council member in history at age 30. In the aftermath of the devastating April 3, 1974, tornado, he served as co-director of a major disaster relief center, demonstrating steady leadership during a time of crisis. His commitment to Madison was expansive and humble. For 40 years, he served on the Board of Directors for the Miss Madison Unlimited Hydroplane Racing Team, many of those as Secretary and Public Relations representative. His community involvement also included leadership roles with the City of Madison Port Authority, Madison-Jefferson County Television Cable Board, Jefferson County United Way, Boy Scouts of America, Historic Madison Inc., and many more. He was a familiar and welcome presence as master of ceremonies and announcer at countless community events including the Regatta Parade, Hanover College Hall of Fame Banquet, and the Madison Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Throughout his lifetime of service, Hank received many honors, including the Madison Jaycees Community Service Award, Kentucky Colonel designation, Madison Chamber of Commerce Award, and a special plaque recognizing 40 years of dedication to the Miss Madison Racing Team. While Hank achieved much in his life, his greatest and most meaningful milestone was found in his faith. In 1974, he was baptized into Christ at Salem Christian Church in Cross Plains, IN. He often shared that accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the promise of eternal life was his most cherished accomplishment. Hank's devotion to family, his commitment to

community, and his steadfast integrity leave a remarkable legacy. He was a man of presence—steady, thoughtful, and deeply invested in the lives and future of those around him. He will be deeply missed, but his influence will continue to live on in the community he loved and served so well.

Hank will be missed by his loving wife of 63 years, Gwendolyn Annette Liter Bentz of Madison, IN; his loving son, Brad Bentz and his wife, Dottie of Madison; his loving daughter, Nicole Bentz LeGrand and her husband, Keith of Madison; his loving grandchildren, Dustin Bentz, Emily Spitler (Jonathon), Erica Cloyd (Tanner), Brian LeGrand, and Amanda Nunn (Dakota); his adoring great grandchildren, Sydney Spitler, Karoline Spitler, Parker Spitler, Hadley Spitler, Owen Cloyd, Annie Cloyd, Brinley LeGrand, Crew Clark, Wells Nunn, and Asher Bentz; his brother, Kevin Bentz and his wife, Heather of Troy, IN; his step brother, Daniel Hickey and his wife, Tracy of Jacksonville, FL; his sister in law and brother in law, Darleen Connolly and her husband, John of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Dewitt Bentz, his mother, Hazel Maddox Bentz, his step mother, Mary Louise Massie Bentz, his step brother, Thomas Earl Wilson, II, his father in law, Homer Dalton Liter, and his mother in law, Mary Anne Pendleton Liter.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, at 2 p.m., by Bro. Mark Roseberry at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Moffett Cemetery in Milton, KY.

Friends may visit Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025, from 3-7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, from 12 p.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church of Hanover. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Brian Keith 'Bruno' Brunner

Brian Keith 'Bruno' Brunner, age 58, of Madison, IN, was born on June 21, 1967, the son of the late John Preston Brunner and Betty Jean Hambrick Brunner. Brian grew up on Olive Branch Road in the China Manville area, where he developed a strong work ethic and a love for the outdoors that stayed with him throughout his life. He dedicated 40 years of service to Bears Furniture Gallery in Madison, where he began in delivery, advanced to furniture repair, and ultimately became an essential part of warehouse management and service operations. His skill, reliability, and kindness, earned him the admiration of coworkers and countless customers over the decades. On Sept. 9, 2015, while vacationing in beautiful Gatlinburg, TN, Brian married the love of his life, Dorothy "Dottie" Hammack. For 25 wonderful years, they shared a bond defined by laughter, loyalty, and quiet companionship. Their faithful white schnoodle, Bailey, was a constant presence by their side until his passing on March 17, 2025, at 17 years old. Together, the three enjoyed many trips to places such as Lake Monroe near Blooming-



ton, where Brian indulged in his favorite pastime — fishing. Known for his good humor and generosity, Brian enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing, grilling especially smoking meat, and playing adult softball, in downtown Madison, over the years. He had been a member of the Sons of the American Legion, reflecting his appreciation for community and service. Brian passed away on Nov. 19, 2025, at 4:10 p.m., at his home after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Brian will be missed by his loving wife: Dottie I. Brunner of Madison, Indiana; his brothers: Ken L. Brunner (Terri) of Madison, Mike W. Brunner of Henderson, KY, Jeff Stanton (Linda) of Charleston, SC; his sisters-in-law: Carolyn "Dee" Strouse of Madison, LaVergne Hel-

ton of Jeffersonville, IN; his brother-in-law, Charles "Wes" Hammack of Madison; his aunt: Yulonda Martin (Danny); his uncle: Virgil Butch Brunner (Janet) of Burlington, KY.

He was preceded in death by his father: John Preston Brunner; his mother: Betty Jean Hambrick Brunner; his grandparents: Carrol L. Eggleston and Anna Eggleston; his brothers: John Lester Brunner, Robert Chris Brunner and Randy Stanton; his brothers-in-law: Danny Strouse and William Helton; his beloved dog Bailey who passed away on March 17, 2025.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025, at 3 p.m., by Barbara Bladen at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Interment followed in the Springdale Cemetery, 600 West Fifth Street in downtown Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Red Kettle Drive



Bob Demaree

Santa Claus and Mayor Bob Courtney competed to collect donations for the Madison Salvation Army at Friday's kickoff event for this year's red kettle drive. The Madison Salvation Army works to help people with an emergency winter shelter, provides emergency assistance (food, utilities and rent), a feeding program, onsite dental care and more. The kettle campaign for the Madison Salvation Army is underway at Hobby Lobby and two doors at Walmart, and will begin Friday at the DG Market in downtown Madison and Kroger, continuing through Christmas Eve on Tuesday, Dec. 24. Persons can volunteer for bell ringing at <https://www.registertoring.com>. Salvation Army Director Andrea Wooten said bell ringers are especially needed Dec. 4-6 when Bender Lumber will match up to \$5,000 that is raised at the kettles during those days.

Morgan & Nay's 11th Annual Christmas Show

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*The Dance
If Tomorrow Never Comes
Friends in Low Places*

*Callin' Baton Rouge
Ain't Goin' Down
Until Sun Comes Up*



*Too Young
to Feel This
Old*

Sunday Afternoon

Dec. 14 (2 p.m.)

Tickets, \$25 per, only available through Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Stop by the Centre or Order by Phone with Credit/Debit Card.

Venue Location Auditorium of Madison Consolidated High School
Doors Open, 1 p.m. *SingAlong of Christmas Carols*, 1:30 p.m.

Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre

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FUNERALS

Michael 'Mike' C. Crowe, 66, of Eminence, KY, and formerly of Campbellsburg, KY, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. A memorial visitation is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at Prewitt Funeral Home in New Castle, KY, www.prewitts.com.

Linda S. Cochrum Pilcher, 74, of Hanover, IN, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, at Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

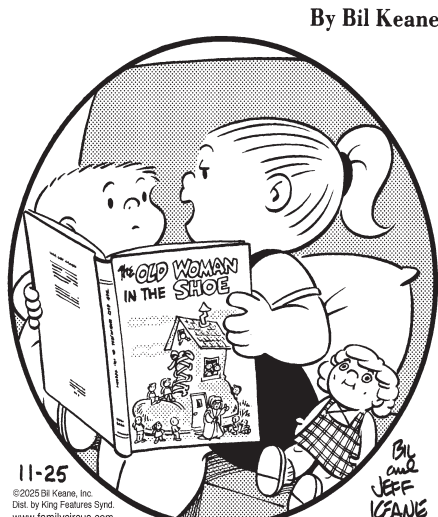
Juanita Marie Smith, 84, of Carrollton, KY, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, at home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Cove Hill Baptist

Church near Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Robert William Springer Sr., 98, of Center Square, IN, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood, KY. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, with full military rites conducted by the Honor Guard of the Vevay American Legion Post 185 and the Vevay VFW Post 5396. Burial will be at a later date in Concord Cemetery at Patriot, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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“When it got cold they moved to their winter home—a fuzzy slipper.”

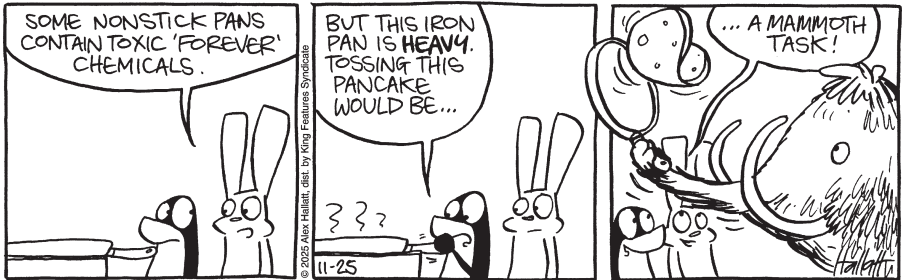
DENNIS THE MENACE



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“ALL I SAID WAS MAYBE I SHOULD BE HOME-SCHOOLED!”

ARCTIC CIRCLE



SOME NONSTICK PANS CONTAIN TOXIC 'FOREVER' CHEMICALS.

BUT THIS IRON PAN IS HEAVY. TOSsing THIS PANCAKE WOULD BE...

... A MAMMOTH TASK!

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How was the aromatherapy?

I was not soothed by the smell of burning thyme and sage.

WOUNDED
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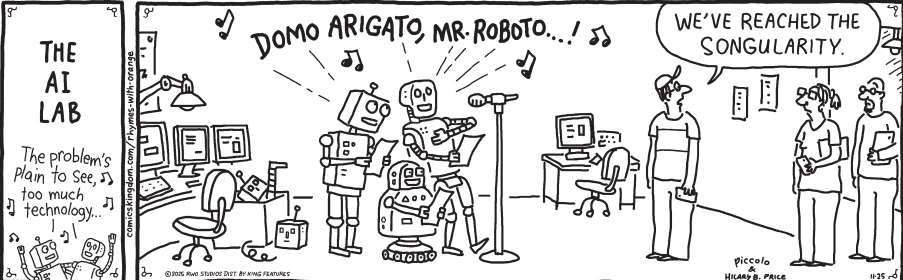
PUT ON THE GOWN. THE DOCTOR WILL BE IN SOON

HI, SARGE. HEY, WHERE'S MY SCALE?

GREG T. MORT WALKER

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



THE AI LAB

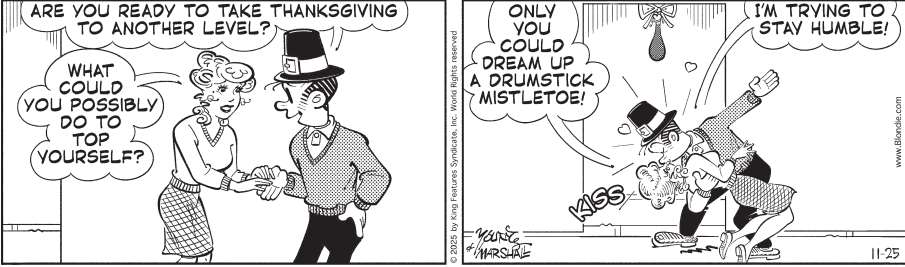
The problem's plain to see, it's too much technology...

DOMO ARIGATO, MR. ROBOTO...!

WE'VE REACHED THE SINGULARITY.

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BLONDIE



ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THANKSGIVING TO ANOTHER LEVEL?

WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY DO TO TOP YOURSELF?

ONLY YOU COULD DREAM UP A DRUMSTICK MISTLETOE!

I'M TRYING TO STAY HUMBLE!

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CURTIS



ALL OUR COUSINS ARE BRINGING A DISH THEY'VE COOKED FOR THANKSGIVING!

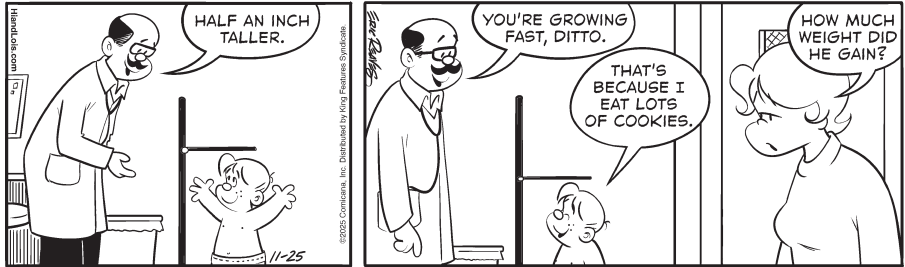
THAT WAY WE'LL ENJOY A FESTIVE DINNER WITHOUT EXCEEDING OUR CREDIT LIMITS

HALLELUJAH, CURTIS! YOUR PLAN TO STUFF YOURSELF LIKE A PIG HASN'T CHANGED-CAN I GET AN "AMEN"?

LUCKY ME-I HAVE THE GOOD FORTUNE T'SHARE A ROOM WITH AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD TRACY MORGAN

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HI & LOIS



HALF AN INCH TALLER.

YOU'RE GROWING FAST, DITTO.

THAT'S BECAUSE I EAT LOTS OF COOKIES.

HOW MUCH WEIGHT DID HE GAIN?

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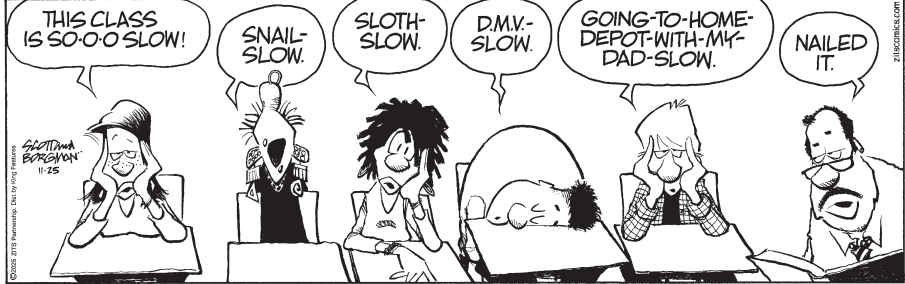
PARDON MY PLANET



REMEMBER WHEN I TOLD YOU THAT GIVING UP GLUTEN, ALCOHOL AND SODIUM WOULD ADD YEARS TO YOUR LIFE? WELL, GET READY - HERE THEY ARE.

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ZITS



THIS CLASS IS SOOO SLOW!

SNAIL-SLOW.

SLOTH-SLOW.

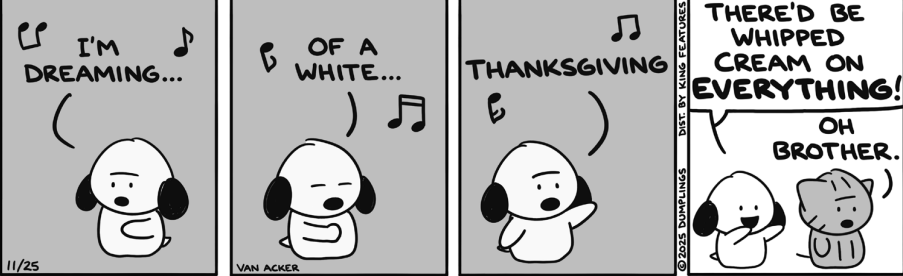
D.M.V.-SLOW.

GOING-TO-HOME-DEPOT-WITH-MY-DAD-SLOW.

NAILED IT.

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DUMPLINGS



I'M DREAMING...

OF A WHITE...

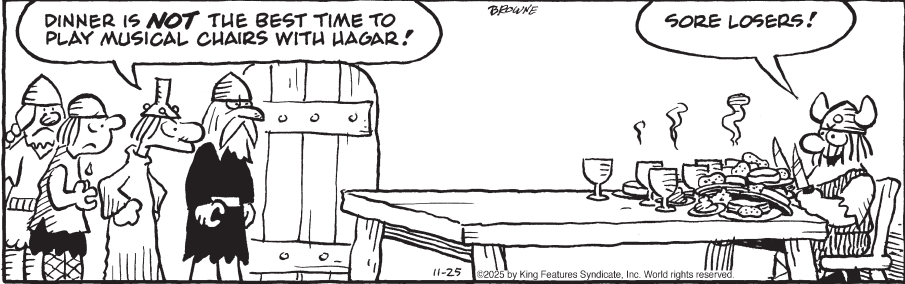
THANKSGIVING

THERE'D BE WHIPPED CREAM ON EVERYTHING!

OH BROTHER.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

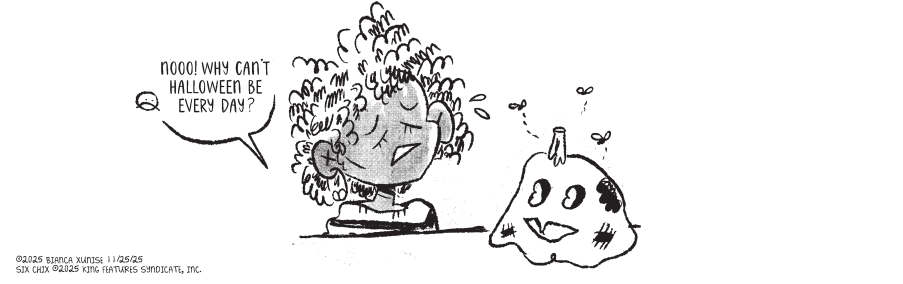


DINNER IS **NOT** THE BEST TIME TO PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS WITH HAGAR!

SORE LOSERS!

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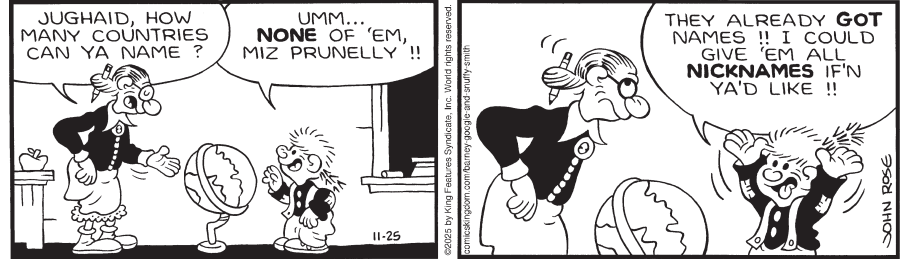
SIX CHIX



NOOO! WHY CAN'T HALLOWEEN BE EVERY DAY?

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



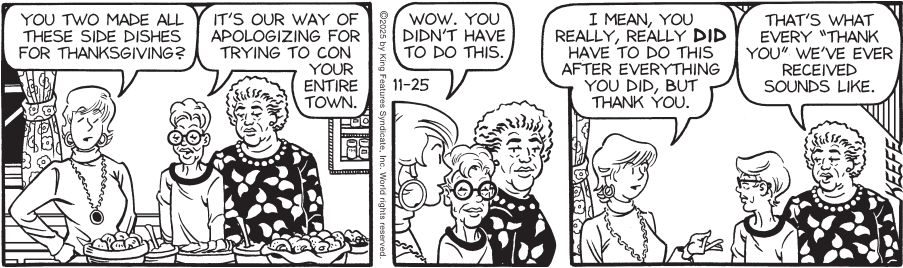
JUGHAID, HOW MANY COUNTRIES CAN YA NAME ?

UMM... NONE OF 'EM, MIZ PRUNELLY !!

THEY ALREADY GOT NAMES !! I COULD GIVE 'EM ALL NICKNAMES IF N' YA'D LIKE !!

11-25

SALLY FORTH



YOU TWO MADE ALL THESE SIDE DISHES FOR THANKSGIVING?

IT'S OUR WAY OF APOLOGIZING FOR TRYING TO CON YOUR ENTIRE TOWN.

WOW, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS.

I MEAN, YOU REALLY, REALLY **DID** HAVE TO DO THIS AFTER EVERYTHING YOU DID, BUT THANK YOU.

THAT'S WHAT EVERY "THANK YOU" WE'VE EVER RECEIVED SOUNDS LIKE.

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DUSTIN



GAH! I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SIT THROUGH A VIDEO DEPOSITION IN WET PANTS. I DON'T HAVE TIME TO CHANGE.

SORRY.

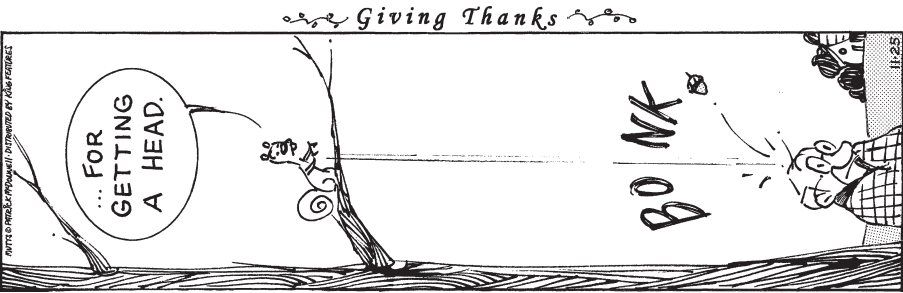
IT'S A VIDEO DEPOSITION. YOU CAN WEAR A SUIT WITHOUT PANTS.

WHAT IF SOMEONE WALKED INTO MY OFFICE?

A SUIT WITH NO PANTS IS CALLED A LAWSUIT.

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MUTTS



Giving Thanks

FOR GETTING A HEAD.

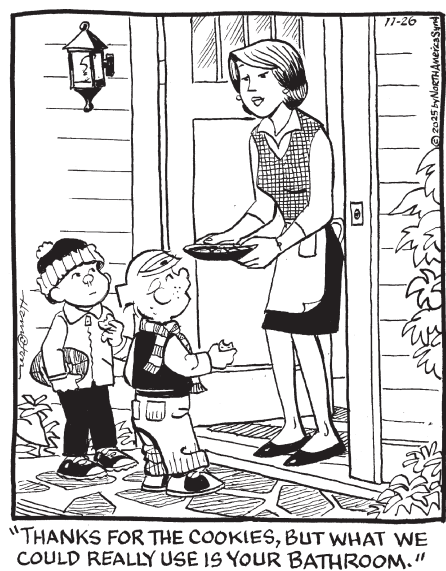
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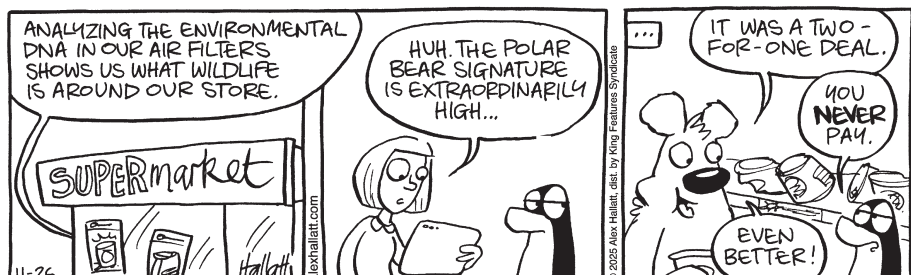
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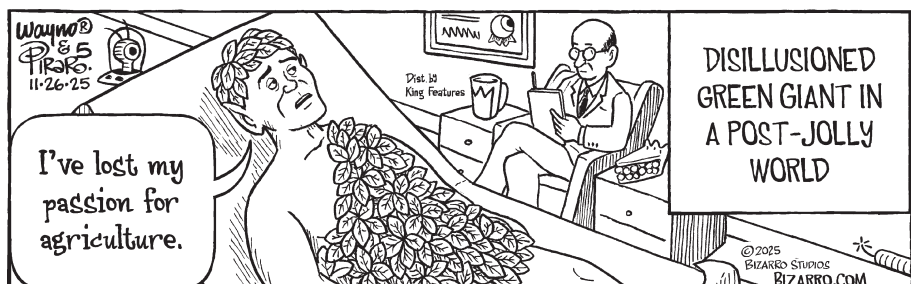
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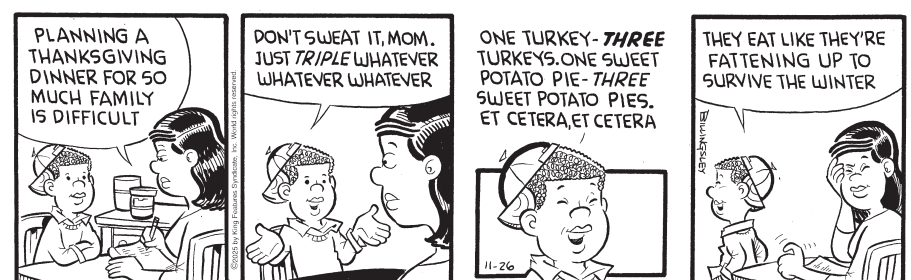
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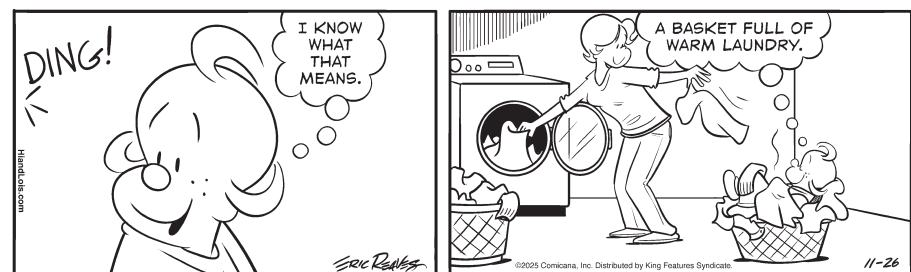
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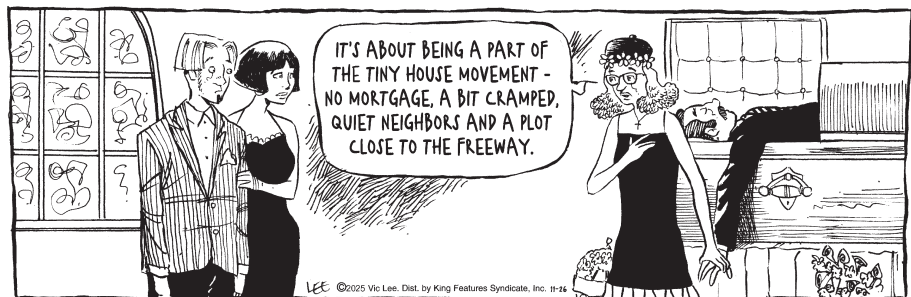
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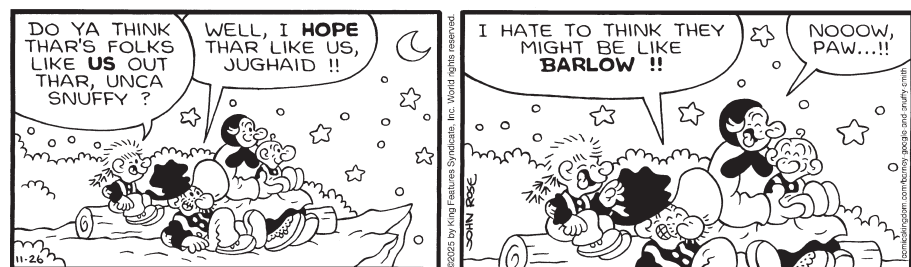
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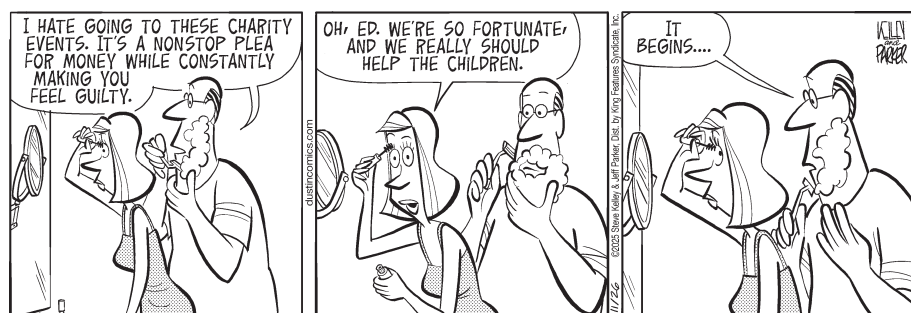
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Southwestern's Barnes, Madison's Colen honored for excellence

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Two local teachers were honored Friday at the Indiana Department of Education's fourth annual Educational Excellence Awards Gala.

Southwestern's Whitney Barnes received a Literacy Excellence Award while Madison's Jennifer Colen received a STEM Excellence Award as both were among 13 educators each awarded \$1,500 for their commitment to areas such as professional growth, use of technology in the classroom and cultivating community partnerships.

Barnes, a literacy coach at Southwestern Elementary, has 14 years of experience as a classroom teacher and literacy coach.

She was nominated by Southwestern Elementary Assistant Principal Danielle Hawkins who said, "Over the last three years in her role as literacy coach, Whitney has been instrumental in transforming literacy instruction at Southwestern Elementary. She led the implementation of UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) across all K-2 classrooms, ensuring that every student receives systematic, explicit phonics instruction aligned with the science of reading. She also spearheaded a complete revamp of our 90-minute reading block, incorporating skill-based grouping to more effectively meet the diverse needs of our learners."

Colen, STEM Coach for Madison Consolidated Schools, was nominated by

Deputy Elementary Principal Kathy Stoner who stated Colen "exemplifies what is possible when STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education is delivered with energy, persistence, and purpose. While schools across Indiana work to prepare students for a rapidly changing world, Jennifer has gone further by creating a culture of curiosity, innovation, and problem-solving that extends throughout her schools."

The gala, which was hosted in Indianapolis, brought together nearly 550 educators and guests from across the state. Awards focused on schools that are excelling in key areas such as literacy (science of reading), STEM, rethinking high school, community collaboration, and educator professional development.

"From reading, to math, to maximizing the high school experience and beyond, Indiana educators are leading with bold, innovative strategies that drive student learning forward," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "As a state, our synergy and alignment has never been stronger, and what unites us all is a constant focus on doing what is best for students. Tomorrow, we will get back to work; but tonight is our moment to celebrate the movement happening across Indiana and to honor the exceptional educators who have made it all possible."



Jennifer Colen



Whitney Barnes

Hanover approves 911, animal shelter agreements

BY BOB DEMAREE

Hanover Town Council approved interlocal agreements for 911 emergency communications and the Jefferson County Animal Shelter at its meeting Tuesday, joining the City of Madison which approved both agreements on the same night.

The animal shelter agreement states Hanover will pay up to \$15,000 but Council President Debbie Kroger said the town's actual contribution for 2026 will be \$4,100, noting the contribution can fluctuate

based on what the town's budget will allow.

The council's vote on both agreements was approved conditionally on approval by all other parties involved including Madison City Council, which had its final approval Tuesday, and County Council and County Commissioners, who both still needing to act on the agreements.

Following a recent request by a town resident to make a portion of Crowe Street one-way, Town Marshal Shane Caldwell submitted a state-

ment recommending that it not be changed. "It has operated safely and effectively as a two-lane road for many years. During that time we have seen very few issues that would justify altering the current flow of traffic. Based on information we have the existing two-way design continues to serve the community well and does not present a public safety concern."

The Council then voted to support Caldwell's recommendation and maintain Crowe as a two-lane street.

Representatives from Rafferty Development LLC discussed a blister road that the Indiana Department of Transportation wants at the new DG Market at 4152 East Lagrange Road, and coordinating that in anticipation of plans for installation of a stop light nearby at Kuntz Road.

An open house led by the engineering firm, Luckett and Farley, will take place 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10, to review recommendations for updated sidewalks and streetscapes in the town.

King of the Kongo



Sara Karloff, daughter of actor Boris Karloff, was entertained with the screening of the restored 1929 film "The King of the Kongo" in which her father was a cast member.

Bob Demaree



Bob Demaree

Sara Karloff, daughter of actor Boris Karloff, was greeted by a gorilla during a break in Saturday's showing of "The King of the Kongo," as a birthday greeting for her 87th birthday, the following day on Sunday, Nov. 23.



Bob Demaree

Sara Karloff (right), daughter of Boris Karloff, was in Madison last weekend for Saturday's showing of 'The King of the Kongo,' a 1929 10-episode movie serial that has been restored by Eric Grayson (left).



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Sports

Defense carries Hanover to playoff victory over Grove City 23-15

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Hanover has gotten plenty of attention over the past several months for its high-scoring offense, but it was the defense that carried the Panthers to their first NCAA Tournament victory in two decades, 23-15 over Grove City at home on Saturday.

The eighth-seeded Panthers, hosting a playoff game for the first time since 2002, ground out three touchdowns and a field goal over four quarters. But Grove City was held off the board until the fourth quarter when it made a late rally that fell just short.

"(Defensive coordinator Ronald Rankin) does a hell of a job on the defensive side every single week and giving us a good game plan," senior linebacker Ashton Schuetter said. "Then the scout guys, I mean, they're probably the best scout team that I've ever seen in my four years playing here. So they're doing a great job all year. They had us ready."

After Hanover's first drive ended on a fourth-down stop deep into Grove City territory, the visiting Wolverines were on the verge of going on top first when they drove all the way to the Hanover 3-yard line only to see the ball fumbled into the end zone and recovered by the Panthers.

It was a momentum-changing play that was felt on both sides of the ball. Hanover's Brian Wall scooped up the ball and returned it to the Grove City 35. From there, Hanover drove the rest of the way downfield and scored on a 6-yard run by quarterback Eion Roudebush for a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter.

"That was a huge play because it was a 14-point swing. He's getting ready to go in and score, we punch it out, recover, we drive down and



David Campbell

Hanover quarterback Eion Roudebush races down the sideline on a keeper during Saturday's NCAA Division III Football playoffs. Roudebush ran for two touchdowns and threw for a third in the Panthers' 23-15 win over Grove City.

score, and now the game is totally different," Hanover coach Matt Theobald said.

"There's so many plays in a football game, you know. And credit to them. They made a great play. The DB did what you want to do. You get beat, you run and you try to punch it out. He hit it perfectly," Grove City coach Andrew DiDonato said. "(Hanover) made a lot of plays, and that was one they made."

Hanover (9-2) rode that momentum through the first three quarters. A drive after the fumble, Hanover went up 10-0 on a 29-yard field goal by former Madison Cub

Clint Hearne. Late in the third quarter, the Panthers made it a three-score game on a 1-yard sneak by Roudebush to push the lead to 17-0.

With the way the defense was playing the lead felt insurmountable and as it turned out, it was, but not before Grove City found its bearings in time to put a scare into the Panthers.

Grove City (8-3) finally got on the board midway through the fourth quarter when quarterback Ethan Wiley hit Daniel Sullivan on a 12-yard scoring pass to close the gap to 17-7.

Hanover responded on the next drive with an 8-yard pass from Roudebush to Jack Pennington with just over two minutes to play to seemingly seal the win. But a missed extra point opened the door for Grove City, which trailed 23-7.

The Wolverines, known for their running game, took to the air and began eating up chunks of yards, scoring on an 8-yard run by Chase Rankin with 1:47 to play. A two-point conversion pass from Wiley to Seth McGroerty closed the gap to 23-15.

Grove City's comeback was stopped there, however, when the

Wolverines' onside kick attempt did not go the full 10 yards. Three plays later, Hanover had a first down and the win was sealed.

"We've been in some dog fights, and we've been down. But we just were told to finish the game," Grove City senior linebacker Caleb Brubaker said. "The circumstances were we were down big. But that doesn't matter. The final whistle hasn't blown, and you see how we can crawl back and fight. We weren't able to get the complete job done. But our identity isn't in football, and at the end of the day, we're thankful for the opportunity that we got today."

The total offense ended up being nearly the same with Hanover getting 360 total yards to 309 for Grove City. Roudebush finished 19-for-35 passing for 178 yards but ended up using his legs nearly as much, leading the team with 75 yards on the ground.

"We had some design runs, but they played a lot of man coverage, and we knew that going in the game, so they were sticking on our guys a little bit," Roudebush said. "I was trying to get out and make a play sometimes."

Curbrian Shelby had 87 yards on eight catches for the Panthers and Josh Williams had 65 yards rushing on 14 attempts.

Grove City quarterback Wiley was 9-of-19 passing for 216 yards while McGroerty had 120 yards on five catches. Rankin led the Wolverines on the ground with 67 yards on 13 attempts.

Hanover now advances to the second round where it will travel to top-seeded North Central (Ill.) on Saturday in Napierville, Illinois. The Panthers know that they are in for a fight against the 100 Cardinals

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MADISON COURIER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR



Nina Campbell

Southwestern sophomore Savannah Nussbaum is the Madison Courier Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year for the second-straight year.

Nussbaum Rebels' key to back-to-back sectionals

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Running has seemingly always come easy for Savannah Nussbaum. She has been running and winning races for several year several years—and often by a large margin.

But with all of that winning comes the added pressure of winning even more and the Southwestern sophomore admits that she felt that pressure this year.

"I felt like I was in a slump before the season, but then thanks to my team, I got back up again," Nussbaum said. "I thought the pressure got to me, but then my teammates reassured me, and I was good after that."

Nussbaum overcame that pressure and ended up having a terrific season, leading Southwestern to its second-straight sectional championship and earning Madison Courier Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year honors for the second-straight year.

Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum, said that he could see the pressure building in his daughter but that it is part of the growing process on her path to becoming an elite runner.

"She definitely felt pressure this year, having the freshman season she had,

she had all the expectations, and I felt the weight of that started to get to her a little bit," Zac Nussbaum said. "I think that was a hurdle she had to get over this year, and that's part of the growth process. And not only did she do it, she did it really well."

Coach Nussbaum said you could see the growth in Savannah at the giant Nike Twilight event in Terre Haute early in the season. Nearly every top program in the state showed up to run on the state finals course and with that much firepower in attendance, there was next to no expectations for how Savannah would finish. But she responded with her best race of the season.

"As a dad, as a coach, it's just fun to watch her grow this year and kind of learn from some stuff," he said, "and she knows what she has to do next year to get even better."

Despite the early-season woes, Nussbaum rounded into top shape by the end of the year. She set a new school record and easily won the Ohio River Valley Conference championship by more than 30 seconds over her teammate Tori Gammons, a former Madison Courier Runner of the Year herself.

The end of the year didn't end as well as she would have liked. She finished second at the sectional behind Charlestown senior Victoria Snyder and then faded to a 59th-place in the regional while fighting an illness.

Both performances did nothing but harden her resolve to get better next year.

"(Snyder) surprised me because I've beat her in the past performances. But really good, so that's a good competition," Nussbaum said. "(At the regional), I learned that people run really fast. They start really fast, and you just have to run your race and do what you know you can do and try to climb your way back up to the top after starting in the back."

With two years left in high school, Nussbaum has already started thinking ahead. She would like to run in college, but she also splits time between running and basketball and is a starter for the 4-2 Rebels averaging nine points per game. Her father said the best way for her to get better is to run more, but it can be difficult while also devoting so much time to basketball.

"She was faster in every race this

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HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panther volleyball falls in opening round of NCAA tourney

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover College volleyball lost in three sets to Calvin in the opening round of the NCAA Division III National Tournament Thursday at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois.

The Panthers, making their first appearance in the tourney since 2017, played Calvin close before losing 25-21, 25-23, 25-15.

Abbey McCoy had 10 kills and eight digs for the Panthers, Kelsey Waggoner had seven kills, Elliot Mays had seven kills, Kinzee Dean had seven kills, Brooke Gervers had 14 assists, Megan Vogel had 12 assists and Madison Schicker had 12 digs.

Hanover ends the season with a 21-11 record.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SPLITS

Hanover women's basketball lost 88-80 to Saint Mary's in the championship game of its own tournament on Saturday.

The Panthers opened the tournament with an 85-40

win over Eureka on Friday night. Lily Ernstes had 16 points and five rebounds for Hanover, Sammy Berman scored 13 points and Macy Cline had 10 points. Alexis Wines had 24 points and 10 assists in the loss to Saint Mary's. Berman had 15 points and five rebounds, Anya Bass had 13 points, Ernstes had 10 points and six rebounds, and Kaitlyn Lorenzi had eight points and 17 rebounds.

Hanover, now 4-1 on the season, hosts Berea College on Dec. 3 for its Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener.

MEN'S BASKETBALL BEATS BERRY

Hanover men's basketball posted an 82-65 win at Berry (Ga.) on Saturday.

Malachi McNair had a monster game with 13 points and 20 rebounds to lead Hanover. C.J. Walls, William Herald and Sheldon Gatlin scored 13 points each off the bench.

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOV. 25 BASKETBALL

Switzerland Co. boys at Oldenburg, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Madison boys host Southwestern, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26 BASKETBALL

Southwestern girls host Madison, 6 p.m.

Southwestern boys host Madison, 8 p.m.

WRESTLING

Switzerland Co. boys host Jennings Co., 9:30 a.m.

Switzerland Co. girls host Jennings Co., 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27

No local events

FRIDAY, NOV. 28 BASKETBALL

Shawe boys at Columbus Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Cats can't stop Pavia in blowout loss to Vandy

BY KEITH TAYLOR
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Kentucky had no answer for Diego Pavia on Saturday.

The Vanderbilt quarterback and Heisman Trophy candidate threw for a school-record and career-high 469 yards and five touchdowns and rushed for another score to lead the No. 12 Commodores to a 45-17 rout of the Wildcats.

It marked the third game in a row Pavia has thrown for more than 300 yards and gave Vandy its first perfect season at home (7-0) since 1982 and third in program history.

Pavia completed 33-of-39 passes and also rushed for 48 yards, while Tre Richardson hauled in five passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns and rushing for one score. Junior Sherrill caught eight passes for 115 yards and one score.

"It was a really tough game, obviously," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. "I am very discouraging performance by us — not very good. I have to credit (Vandy), they're a very good football team, they're physical and they're a football team that's worthy of being in the playoffs with a quarterback that is something else, that's for sure. He's a super great football player. They had a great plan and when a play breaks down, he makes plays and you have to give him credit."

The loss ended the Wildcats' three-game winning streak that had put Kentucky within reaching bowl eligibility with two games remaining. Kentucky (5-6, 2-6 Southeastern Conference) faces a must-win scenario in the regular-season finale at rival Louisville Saturday to break even and receive a post-season berth.

"They've given me no reason that they wouldn't respond the right way," Stoops said. "It's not a good feeling. It's never going to be OK for us, but it's one game, and you know, we have to move on quick and be ready to lay it on the line here this week."

Vanderbilt (9-2, 5-2) edged the Wildcats 24-21 last season in Lexington, but this one wasn't even close



GEORGE WALKER IV/Associated Press

Kentucky wide receiver Fred Farrier II (13) is tackled Saturday by Vanderbilt cornerback Jordan Matthews (6) after a catch during the second half of an NCAA college football game in Nashville, Tenn.



GEORGE WALKER IV/Associated Press

Kentucky tight end Willie Rodriguez (81) makes a catch Saturday past Vanderbilt safety Dontae Carter (1) during the second half of an NCAA college football game in Nashville, Tenn.

as the Commodores defeated Kentucky for the third time in four years.

Pavia was honored as part of Senior Day festivities prior to kickoff and from that point on, it was all business. The Commodores signal caller threw for 279 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the opening half to set the tone for a blowout over the Wildcats.

Kentucky survived a scare when quarterback Cutter Boley left with 3:47 remaining in the first half. Backup Zach Calzada, who started the first two games before being replaced by Boley, threw four passes and an interception in the interim before Boley returned just before the half and finished out the game.

Boley threw for 280 yards for the Wildcats, who amassed 315 yards, with

most of that yardage coming in the second half. Boley connected on a 41-yard touchdown pass to J.J. Hester in the fourth quarter to avoid an end zone shutout and tossed another scoring strike to Fred Farrier with two seconds remaining. Boley threw a pair of interceptions, including one at the goal line in the final frame.

Pavia directed the Commodores to a pair of touchdowns on Vandy's first two possessions of the second half that pushed the margin to 38-3 with three minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The hosts scored 21 points in the second- and third quarters.

GAMETRACKER: Kentucky at Louisville, noon, Saturday. TV/Radio: ACCN, UK Radio Network.

Lineup changes spark Wildcats in rout of Loyola-Maryland

BY KEITH TAYLOR
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

LEXINGTON — Change is good, and it was great for Kentucky.

The 12th-ranked Wildcats bounced back from a disappointing 83-66 loss to Michigan State in the Champions Classic earlier this week and rolled to an 88-46 win Friday night over Loyola, an outing that served as a "step forward" for Mark Pope's squad.

In an effort to spark his team, Pope tweaked his starting five and inserted transfer Kam Williams and freshman Malachi Moreno into the lineup. The switch was partly because of the absence of starting point guard Jaland Lowe (shoulder) and Mouhamed Dioubate (ankle) and the need to change things up after losses to No. 9 Louisville and 17th-ranked Michigan State during the past two weeks.

Moreno finished with 10 points and grabbed eight rebounds, while Williams tied teammate Collin Chandler with a team-high 13 points and connected on a 3-pointer at the buzzer to end the first half that gave the hosts a commanding 50-20 lead at the break.

The team's defensive showing was opposite of what the Wildcats displayed earlier this week at Madison Square Garden when the Wildcats surrendered a season-high 11 3-pointers and 44 first-half points to the Spartans.

"I thought we were good in the gaps today," Pope said. "I thought our shell principles were pretty good. We have to get better and this (was an) important night for us."

Losses to Michigan State and Louisville have weighed heavily on Pope and the Wildcats, in addition to outside noise centering around the team's inability to find the right chemistry.

"We need to play better, we've got to get better, and we will stop at nothing to get better," Pope said. "We won't sleep, we won't eat, we won't do anything until we get better and we're going to get better. That's going to take every ounce of our soul to do it, and there's nothing that will stop us from getting better and achieving what we're going to achieve this year."

Amid the early season struggles to open the season, Pope is in a "happy space" and is ready to dig deeper



JAMES CRISP/Associated Press

Kentucky's Malachi Moreno (24) dunks Friday during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Loyola-Maryland in Lexington.



JAMES CRISP/Associated Press

Kentucky's Walker Horn (11) launches a three point shot Friday while pressured by Loyola-Maryland's Carter Berg-McLean (1) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Lexington.

to get his better.

"(I have) the determination to get down in the mud and grow and do it sleeplessly and relentlessly and get better every single day and push every single button and try every single new thing," he said. "That's actually how you build something great and work in it. We're not leaving it like we're in it. We're going to push it, we're going to make progress. I'm actually better than OK, this is my heaven, right here. It's hard, but we have something really good here, and we're gonna make sure we get there."

Kentucky senior Otega Oweh, who scored six of the first eight points to help set the tone for the blowout win, finished with 11 points and took the 3-2 start to open the season personal and it showed against the Greyhounds.

"It wasn't the way we wanted things to go," Oweh said. "Every time you get to play, it's an opportunity change the script - flip the switch."

While Oweh took charge getting the team back into rhythm, his teammates followed to ease the tension from

the two losses.

"Everyone's been locked in," Oweh said. "... Everyone's really took it upon themselves to make sure that we do our part."

Chandler added the team's response after the poor showing in New York City were "good as a team."

"Our response was less, getting down on each other and more, 'let's just get better' (and) that's what we've been focusing on every day this time."

NEXT UP: Kentucky hosts Tennessee Tech on Wednesday. **(TV:** Live on SECN at 7 p.m.)

Jennings scores 4 TDs as SMU beats Louisville to stay alive in ACC title race

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Kevin Jennings threw for 303 yards with three touchdowns and ran for another score as SMU stayed in contention to reach another ACC title game with a 38-6 win over Louisville on Saturday.

Now the Mustangs (8-3, 6-1 ACC) just have to win their regular-season finale at California to make the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game for the second year in a row since joining the league.

The scenario to advance wasn't that simple for the Mustangs after they ended their final home game by midafternoon still needing help. But SMU had control of its destiny about 7 1/2 hours later when Pittsburgh (8-3, 6-1) finished off a 42-28 win at No. 15 Georgia Tech (9-2, 6-2).

When SMU coach Rhett Lashlee was asked after his game if he knew how the ACC tiebreakers had to work out for his team, he responded, "I have a good idea of what they are. ... I think."

Lashlee had also added, "They all start with SMU beats Louisville. ... We've still got to win next week."

Both of those last two statements are indeed true, and the Mustangs got the first one done.

Jennings completed 29 of 37 passes in his third



Tony Gutierrez/AP photo

SMU wide receiver Jordan Hudson (2) and quarterback Kevin Jennings (7) celebrate after Jennings ran the ball for a touchdown in the first half of an NCAA college football game against Louisville Saturday, Nov. 22 in Dallas.

consecutive 300-yard game. His nifty 5-yard TD pass put SMU up 21-3 late in the first half. Jennings initially went right, then reversed to avoid defenders and had what seemed a clear lane to the end zone when, still on the run, he flung the ball forward to TJ Harden.

"Exactly how we drew that play up," Lashlee deadpanned.

"Out there having fun, showing love to my guys," Jennings said. "It's senior day for them, had to show love and give him a touchdown instead of running one in."

SMU last year made its ACC debut by going 8-0 in league play, and still made the 12-team College Football Playoff after losing to Clemson in the conference championship game.

Louisville (7-4, 4-4), without starting quarterback Miller Moss and top rushers Isaac Brown and Keyjuan Brown, lost its third game in a row. Moss, a transfer from USC, had started the first 10 games and was in uniform but didn't play because of a foot injury. Brown has missed all three of those losses since injuring a leg against Virginia Tech.

Adams, a redshirt freshman from Austin, Texas, was 12-of-17 passing for 94 yards in his first career start for the Cardinals, who had only 228 total yards and were held without a touchdown for the first time since a 16-6 loss to Florida State in the 2023 ACC title game.

Jennings put SMU ahead to stay with his 2-yard TD run on the game's opening drive, and Jordan Hudson made a spectacular leaping 7-yard TD catch while defended and being able to get his foot down in bounds. Yamir Knight had a similar 6-yard scoring catch in the

back of the end zone in the fourth quarter.

WINNING IN NOVEMBER SMU is 14-1 in November games during Lashlee's four seasons.

In their final season before going to the AAC, the Mustangs won the American Athletic Conference championship game in 2023.

THE TAKEAWAY

Louisville: The other three losses by Louisville this season were by a combined seven points, with two of those in overtime. Their biggest deficit before Saturday was 17-0 in the first quarter at Pittsburgh on Sept. 27, before they rallied to win 34-27. ... The Cardinals lost four conference games combined in 2023 and 2024, coach Jeff Brohm's first two seasons.

SMU: The Mustangs could return to the AP Top 25 for the first time since dropping out of the poll after an overtime loss to Baylor in their second game Sept. 6. The only way they make the CFP again is to get in and win the ACC championship game.

UP NEXT

Louisville finishes its regular season at home Saturday against instate rival Kentucky.

SMU is at California, which lost 38-6 to the Mustangs in last season's regular-season finale.

LEGAL NOTICE



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SWITZERLAND COUNTY,
INDIANA
Plaintiff
V.
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LENA STEVENSON,
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ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS
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Oregon is back in the top five of the AP Top 25 poll, Miami leads pack of 5 ranked ACC teams

BY ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

Oregon returned to the top five of The Associated Press Top 25 college football poll Sunday, five Atlantic Coast Conference teams were ranked for the second time this season and Georgia Tech took the biggest fall after its second loss in three games.

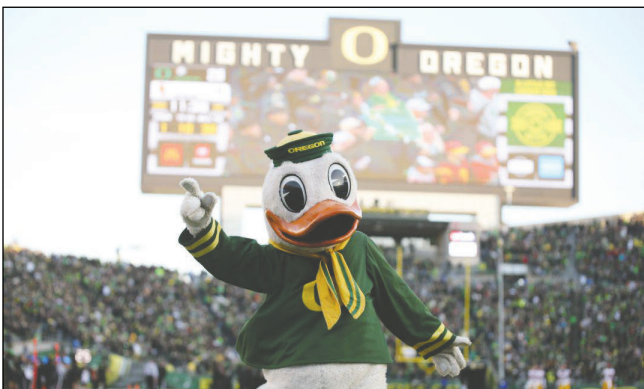
Ohio State, Indiana and Texas A&M remained the top three teams for a sixth straight week, and Georgia was No. 4 for the second week in a row.

Oregon jumped over idle Mississippi to No. 5, its highest ranking since it was No. 3 in the Oct. 5 poll. The Ducks strengthened their College Football Playoff resume with a 15-point victory over then-No. 16 Southern California, extending their winning streak to five games.

Mississippi was followed by Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Notre Dame and Alabama.

Ohio State is No. 1 for a 13th straight week going into its game at No. 15 Michigan. The Buckeyes received 58 first-place votes and were 53 points ahead of Indiana, which was listed first on seven voters' ballots. Texas A&M got the remaining first-place vote.

Miami, which beat Virginia Tech by 17 points on the road, moved up a spot to No. 13 and was the highest-ranked of five ACC teams. Virginia climbed two spots to No. 17.



Lydia Ely/AP photo

The Oregon Duck walks off the field during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Southern California Saturday, Nov. 22 in Eugene, Ore.

Georgia Tech, beaten 42-28 at home by Pittsburgh, dropped eight rungs to No. 23.

Pittsburgh, which has three losses, was one spot behind the two-loss Yellow Jackets. No. 25 SMU re-entered the poll for the first time since Sept. 2.

No. 20 James Madison of the Sun Belt Conference remained the highest-ranked Group of Five team in the AP poll. The Dukes, up one spot from a week ago, came from behind to beat Washington State 24-20.

No. 21 North Texas of the American Conference was one spot ahead of Tulane. The Green Wave were the only Group of Five team in the CFP selection committee's rankings last week, at No. 24.

IN AND OUT

— No. 24 Pittsburgh

bounced back from its 22-point home loss to Notre Dame and returned after a one-week absence.

— No. 25 SMU beat Louisville by 32 points for its third straight win and can return to the ACC championship game with a win at California.

Missouri (No. 23) and Houston (No. 25) dropped out.

POLL POINTS

— Five teams from the state of Texas are ranked for a second straight week. The Lone Star State hadn't had five teams in back-to-back polls since 2016.

— The ACC, in addition to this week, had five teams in the poll on Nov. 9. That makes this the fourth straight year the ACC has had five teams ranked in two or more polls.

CONFERENCE CALL
SEC (8 ranked teams): Nos. 3 Texas A&M, 4 Georgia, 6 Ole Miss, 8 Oklahoma, 10 Alabama, 12 Vanderbilt, 16 Texas, 18 Tennessee.
ACC (5): Nos. 13 Miami (Fla.), 17 Virginia, 23 Georgia Tech, 24 Pittsburgh, 25 SMU.
Big Ten (5): Nos. 1 Ohio State, 2 Indiana, 5 Oregon, 15 Michigan, 19 USC.
Big 12 (3): Nos. 7 Texas Tech, 11 BYU, 14 Utah.
American (2): Nos. 21 North Texas, 22 Tulane.
Independent (1): No. 9

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Rossi passes on Indy 500 seat, Hunter-Reay steps in

BY JENNA FRYER
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

LAS VEGAS — Zak Brown earlier this year teased he was working on a “mega” signing for McLaren's fourth Indianapolis 500 seat and that it was up to the mystery driver if he wanted to enter the “Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”

Valentino Rossi, the nine-time Grand Prix motorcycle racing champion, ultimately passed on the opportunity. The seat instead went to Ryan Hunter-Reay, the 2014 Indy 500 winner, in a deal announced last week.

Brown, CEO of McLaren Racing, told The Associated Press on Friday he had multiple conversations with the Italian and that Rossi “absolutely loves and respects the Indy 500” but ultimately decided he had to focus on his current job racing in the World Endurance Championship. The superstar commonly referred to as “The Doctor” currently races a BMW for Team WRT in WEC's LMGTC class.

“I spoke with Valentino, he loves the Indy 500, he loves big events, is up for oval racing,” Brown told AP at the Las Vegas Grand Prix.



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Former rider, nine times World Champion in Moto GP Valentino Rossi waits for the start of the MotoGP race of the Grand Prix of Spain, at the Angel Nieto racetrack in Jerez de la Frontera, Spain, April 27.

“But he is pretty focused on WEC and just wants that to be his priority. He recognized the level of commitment required and

concluded he probably couldn't do WEC and Indy properly, so we'll keep talking.”

Brown has made a splash

with his Indy 500 one-off drivers, from F1 world champion Fernando Alonso, two-time Indy 500 winner Juan Pablo Montoya and two-

time NASCAR champion Kyle Larson, who ran at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for McLaren the last two seasons as he attempted to

complete the IndyCar-NASCAR vaunted “Double” of running both events on the same day.

Brown was determined to draw another huge spotlight to one of the biggest races in the world and thought Rossi would be a stunning signing in the motorsports world.

Rossi is considered one of the greatest motorcycle racers ever and is the only road racer to have competed in 400 or more Grand Prixes. Seven of his nine world championships came in the 500cc/MotoGP class and Rossi holds the record for most premier class victories (89) and podiums (199).

Unable to land Rossi, Brown turned to Hunter-Reay, a longtime IndyCar veteran with both an Indy 500 victory and an IndyCar title on his resume.

Hunter-Reay stepped away from full-time racing following the 2021 season but has run the Indy 500 the last three seasons, finishing 11th in 2023. Hunter-Reay is also a two-time runner-up at Indy.

Asked why he chose Hunter-Reay when Rossi fell through, Brown told AP, “because he can win.”

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Notre Dame.

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No. 1 Ohio State (11-0, 8-0 Big Ten, No. 1 CFP) at No. 15 Michigan (9-2, 7-1, No. 18), Saturday: Buckeyes have lost four straight to Michigan. They haven't dropped five

in a row to their archrival since they lost six straight from 1922-27.

No. 3 Texas A&M (11-0, 7-0 SEC, No. 3 CFP) at No. 16 Texas (8-3, 5-2, No. 17), Friday: Aggies lock up spot in SEC title game with a win; they would need lots of help to get to Atlanta if they lose. Arch Manning's six-touchdown day against Arkansas gives the Longhorns mojo for this rivalry game.

No. 4 Georgia (10-1, No. 4 CFP) at No. 23 Georgia Tech (9-2, No. 16), Friday: Bulldogs have won seven straight in the series and haven't lost to Yellow Jackets in Atlanta since 1999.

No. 12 Vanderbilt (9-2, 5-2 SEC, No. 14 CFP) at No. 18 Tennessee (8-3, 4-3, No. 20), Saturday: Commodores are going for a 10th win for first time in program history. They're 12-41-2 all-time in Knoxville, and only four



Oregon tight end Kenyon Sadiq (18) celebrates after his touchdown during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Southern California, Saturday, Nov. 22 in Eugene, Ore.

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of those wins have come in the last 50 years.

No. 13 Miami (9-2, 5-2, No.

13 CFP) at No. 24 Pittsburgh (8-3, 6-1), Saturday: Both

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to the ACC title game. Miami clinging to playoff hopes. Pitt trying to land best possible bowl.

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